

and extends its powers to enable it to construct, acquire, navigate, &c., steam-vessels carrying traffic between the ports of Canada and ports on the lakes connected with and on the rivers falling into the river St. Lawrence, and between Canadian ports and ports in Newfoundland, P. E. Island and the West Indies.

PART II.

(Parliament re-assembled, pursuant to adjournment, on the 12th March, and was prorogued on the 22nd May.)

Cap. 22.—This Act continues Parliament on the demise of the Crown.

PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF MEMBERS AND PRINTERS OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS.

Cap. 23—Repeats the enactment of the British America Act respecting the privileges and immunities of Senators and Members of the House of Commons, and declares that they must be taken notice of by courts without pleading. Printed journals are made legal proof. Any person sued or prosecuted for any publication may have proceedings stopped by producing a certificate from either Speaker or Clerk of either House, accompanied by affidavit, to show that the publication was made by order of either House. Any person sued or prosecuted for publishing an abstract or extract from such proceedings may give in evidence under the general issue the complete document, and show that such abstract or extract was published *bona fide* and without malice, and, if such is the opinion of the Jury, a verdict of not guilty shall be entered,

AUTHORITY TO SWEAR WITNESSES.

Cap. 24—Authorizes the Clerk of the Senate to swear any person being examined at the Bar of that House, and the Chairman or any member of a committee of either House to swear any witness respecting a private bill referred to it.

INDEPENDENCE OF PARLIAMENT.

Cap. 25—Is an Act to secure the Independence of Parliament. No person is eligible or can sit in the House of Commons who holds any office of emolument under the government of Canada, except Members of the Privy Council or those holding any one of the thirteen offices now held by Privy Counsellors, except also one commissioner of the Intercolonial Railway and officers of the army, navy, or militia,—but staff officers of militia drawing regular salaries are also disqualified. Contractors with H. M. or a department "with respect to the public service of Canada, or under which any public money of Canada is to be paid," are disqualified. Their election is null and void. If any of these sit and vote, each forfeits \$2,000 for each day. Accepting office or a contract, a member vacates his seat, but if taking one of the 13 cabinet offices, may be re-elected. Members of the P. C. may resign and accept a new cabinet office within a month without re-election. A member may resign by giving notice in the House or to the Speaker in writing, but not while his seat is being contested or liable to be contested. Vacancies by death or acceptance of office occurring, and Speaker being notified in House by one, or out of it by two members in writing, issues his warrant. When there is no Speaker, or he is absent from Canada, or the Speaker himself resigns, two members may issue a warrant for a new writ to the C. C. C. After a general election and before Parliament meets, if a member elected die or accepts office, a warrant may issue to the C. C. C. for a new writ, but such new election does not invalidate the claim of any one to the seat under the former election.

Cap. 26—Declares the Members of the P. C., and Members of the Local Governments, and Mr. McDonald, Queen's Printer for N. S., duly elected to, and entitled to sit in the H. of C., and indemnified for all damages for sitting.

INTERIOR ECONOMY OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Cap. 27.—The Speaker, with four Members of the P. C., being also Members of the H. of C., to be named by the G. in C., are to be commissioners for the management of the interior economy of the H. of C. The Clerk is to prepare an annual estimate of the sums needed for members' indemnity, stationery and salaries of Speaker, clerks and officers, and the Sergeant-at-Arms, of the salaries of doorkeepers, messengers and servants, and contingencies, to be submitted to the Speaker, and if approved, sent to the M. F. An estimate for printing shall, in like manner, be prepared, and submitted by the officer appointed jointly by the two Houses to superintend it; and these are to be laid before Parliament with the other estimates of the year. All sums voted on such estimates are to be held subject to the order of the commissioners, to be paid over on the order of three of them, the Speaker being one, and paid out under their direction by the Accountant, who is to be named by the Speaker, and give security to the satisfaction of the commissioners. Printing moneys to be paid over to order of such person as the two Houses appoint. Surplus of money voted is repaid to the R. G. In case of dissolution, the former Speaker will act as a commissioner until his successor is elected. In case of the death, disability or absence of the Speaker, any three commissioners may act. The Speaker may inquire into the conduct of any clerk, officer or servant of the House, and suspend and report him to the Governor, if appointed by him, if not, suspend or remove him altogether. All employees are to take the oath of allegiance.

Cap. 28—Corrects a verbal error in the Act of the first part of the Session "respecting the Statutes."

Cap. 29—Continues several expiring Acts of the late Province of Canada.

Cap. 30—Gives effect to Caps. 34 and 69 of this Session from the 1st July, 1868.

SUPPLY.

Cap. 31—Is the Supply Bill, which appropriates \$7,502,874 for certain expenses of the financial year 1867-8, and \$7,901,855 for the year 1868-9. Sums paid out of the vote of credit of \$5,000,000, in the former part of the Session, to be accounted for as forming part of the sum first above named, and the balance to be paid back into the treasury. The G. in C. is authorized to raise \$6,000,000 on the credit of the C. R. F., to rank next after the sums to be raised for defence under the Act of this Session, and to be in addition to the debts provided for by the B. N. A. Act—to be raised by sale of stock, debentures, exchequer bills or bonds, or granting terminable annuities. Interest not to exceed 6 p. c.